

St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

"From Frivolity's 'Fat Tuesday' to Devotion's Ash Wednesday."

A delicate half-page drawing by Russell appropriately picturing contrasting scenes of the beginning of the Lenten season following the close of society's midwinter gaiety.

Next Sunday's Post-Dispatch.

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THURSDAY EVENING—ST. LOUIS—FEBRUARY 20, 1896.—TWELVE PAGES.

IF YOU WANT ANYTHING ADVERTISE IN P.-D. WANTS.

HORRIBLE WORK AT FITZGERALD'S EXECUTION.

The Rope Broke and the Condemned Man Fell to the Ground.

With the Rope Around His Neck He Was Carried Into the Morgue.

Doctors Worked Over Him For An Hour and He Was Revived and Executed at 11:02.

TO THE PUBLIC—In a few hours I shall be dead. I die protesting my innocence. I am not guilty of murder. God knows I am not. But I forgive every one and hope to meet all my relatives and friends beyond the grave.

JAMES FITZGERALD.

James Fitzgerald bled bitterly the law's penalty for the murder of his sweetheart, Annie Neessens.

He was condemned to die and his execution set for 9 o'clock Thursday morning. At midnight came an order from the Governor



THE ROPE BROKE, AND HE FELL TO THE GROUND. (Sketches by a Post-Dispatch Artist.)

to postpone the hanging until 10 o'clock. For five hours the condemned man was turned by alternating hope and despair. At 9:45 o'clock word came from the Governor refusing to interfere and ordering the Sheriff to do his duty.

Fitzgerald's last hope was dead. But he was glad in a way, for he vainly thought he walked out on to the gallows that the agony of suspense would be quickly ended.

And this was his last and bitterest disappointment.

The black cap was put on, the noose adjusted.

The trap was sprung and Fitzgerald dropped down.

But not to eternity.

The rope broke.

The straining noise as the platform gave way and the rigid body shot through was

the hurry to get within the letter of the law many saw a chance for a repetition of the fatal hitch.

At 10:57 the new rope was procured. Quickly it was strung over the gallows tree and the hangman's noose again dangled for its victim.

The trap was set, and Sheriff Troll went word to the group of watchers about the victim in the dead house.

Five deputies carried Fitzgerald for the second time to the gallows.

He was balanced between two deputies while the noose was adjusted.

He was lifted on the trap, the drop was sprung, and at 11:03 o'clock Fitzgerald's body was over.

Thus ended the most brutal, bungling, inhuman execution in the criminal annals of St. Louis.

The dull gray dawn found hundreds of men hastening along the river and through the cold, windy streets, with the grim old Four Courts as their destination. Most of them had passed and many did not, but the scent of blood had drawn them all irresistibly to the scene of the execution.

Just as the gallows were being dismantled, a dingy, half-lighted corridor of the building was crowded with shivering men, half angry when they learned that the Governor's executioner, the executioner and yet many of them really glad in their hearts that there was still some hope for the condemned man.

The crowd hung around for awhile and then drifted away, only to return when the hour for the execution again approached. It had been arranged to keep them out of the Four Courts during the early morning, but the enforcement of this rule was impossible, owing to the transaction of the regular criminal business in the courts and other departments.

The mob fairly overran everything and made it difficult to get from one place to another. Of course, the usual mob hung around the Twelfth street entrance at the big doors, where the more favored ones were to pass through to witness Fitzgerald's death.

Even though the Governor did not come in from Jefferson City in early morning train as was expected by many, Fitzgerald did not give up hope until the last moment of time allowed.

In fact the opinion was almost universal that if the sentence was not commuted it would be postponed at least for several days. He chatted some and even at times joked.

When he read a paper in the morning reflecting upon the Deputy Sheriff's visit to the prison, Fitzgerald said to the men who were gathered about him: "I'm not a criminal, I'm a man."

The prisoner's breakfast was sent in to him at 7:30, it consisted of ham and eggs and coffee. He ate it with apparent relish, after which he continued smoking and chatting.

About 9 o'clock one of his cousins, Mary Smith, called to see him. She appeared in greater respectability than the other prisoners who appeared in the role of consoler rather than as the consoling.

Mr. McEneaney was in the cell at the time and he smilingly remarked that Fitzgerald was a brave man. The prisoner smiled in return and went on in conversation with his cousin.

As the hour of 10 o'clock drew near the crowd grew larger and the expectancy became more intense. Would the Governor grant another reprieve? Would the man be saved after all?

These questions were on the minds of every one and passed from lip to lip from one end of the big building to the other. Once the rumor started that the expected word had come and it spread like wildfire that Fitzgerald would live, but it proved only a canard.

A messenger boy forced his way through the crowd without the building and in the corridors. The jostling crowd made way for him.

"A telegram for the Sheriff," ran the cry through the crowd that knew it meant life or death to the condemned man.

Sheriff Troll within the cage tore open the envelope.

The telegram read:

FEB. 20, 9:40 a. m.—Henry Troll, Sheriff: I decline to further interfere in the case of James Fitzgerald. You can, therefore, only discharge your duty. W. J. STONE, Governor.

Sheriff Troll accordingly pushed his way through the densely packed corridor to the jail door and entered. He had the death warrant in his hand. As he reached Fitzgerald's cell the last sacrament was being administered by a priest.

The prisoner's arms were then pinioned behind his back and he was led to the gallows across the jail yard through the ball ring and out upon the last walk. Before him went the priest of God and the sheriff of the city. By his side were the two deputies, Andrew Langford and George Thompson, who had stood with the man the last few hours of the death watch.

Fitzgerald was very pale, but his iron nerve did not desert him.

With bare head, he stood upon the scaffold facing the anxious crowd which was gathered back at him with that solemnity which the presence of death enforces.

One deputy pinioned his hands and then the rope was fastened about his neck.

As he stepped upon the box which was hurled upon the trap the black cap was hurriedly thrown over his head and he was ready for the plunge into eternity.

Mr. McEneaney stood by him. "Pray, Jim," he said, as the black cap shut out the last look at the light.

The last absolution was pronounced and the priest prepared to sprinkle the dying man with holy water as he swung into eternity.

At 10:14 o'clock Deputy Sheriff Becker cut the rope which let the trap fall.

Then a horrible thing happened.

Simultaneously with the clank of the trap there was a ripping noise and the body of Fitzgerald fell through to the ground.

The rope had parted just below the ring to which it was fastened in the beam. The four strands of the rope tore loose like rotten thread.

AT WAR WITH SOCIALISTS.

Threatened Lock-Out Making 10,000 Tailors Idle.

FIGHT WITHIN UNION LINES.

Old and Successful Leaders of the New York Garment Workers Have Lost Control.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Another big lock-out of tailors is threatened. Should it be ordered 10,000 tailors will be thrown out of work.

The trouble is due to a fight now waging between the general executive board of the United Garment Workers and the Socialists, who have gained control of the United Brotherhood of Tailors. The first named organization is the central body of all the tailors and garment workers' unions in the United States and the Brotherhood of Tailors is the chief body of the local unions of tailors.

The trouble dates back to the first of the present year. At the annual election of officers of the Brotherhood of Tailors, held early in January, the Socialistic element selected their candidates and obtained control.

The men who organized the Brotherhood and who had conducted it successfully for five years immediately resigned. They were Meyer Schoenfeld, Herman Robinson and Benj. Switzer. Schoenfeld had been the acknowledged leader of the tailors for years.

He always took charge of their strikes and has been successful in leading the tailors' great fight against the contractors' Mutual Protective Association, signed a new agreement with the Brotherhood of Tailors, forcing the old system of weekly wages instead of tasks or piece work system. But now the contractors say the Brotherhood has not lived up to the new agreement.

Yesterday the Brotherhood ordered strikes in a number of the shops. The men in half of the shops refused to go out, however, saying that they did not wish to strike with the Brotherhood and the United Brotherhood of Tailors.

The Socialistic officers of the Brotherhood then appealed to the United Garment Workers, restoring the old system of weekly wages instead of tasks or piece work system. But now the contractors say the Brotherhood has not lived up to the new agreement.

Chas. F. Reichers, President of the board, advised them not to do so, and said he would try to bring the trouble to an end. The general executive board of the United Garment Workers passed a resolution to the effect that the socialist officers of the Brotherhood were in the wrong and that they were ruining the order. They have permitted the sweatshops to open up again and are forcing the socialists to work for the contractors.

President Reichers said that he was not opposed to socialism, but that the United Garment Workers did not want it practiced in the shops. He said that the Brotherhood of Tailors was in the wrong and that they were ruining the order.

The contractors are in an angry frame of mind over the actions of the Socialists and a general lockout may be ordered at any time.

STRANGER IN THE HEAVENS.

Comet Coming Toward the Earth at the Rate of 1,600,000 Miles a Day.

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 20.—Prof. Linschner of the State University has just completed his calculations of the orbit of the new comet discovered by astronomer Perrine of the Lick Observatory a few days ago.

The stranger in the heavens was only 40,000,000 miles away from the earth yesterday, and is now coming toward the earth at the rate of 1,600,000 miles a day. Prof. Linschner says there is no cause for alarm. He has figured out that the comet will take a new tack on March 1 and sheer off from the earth. The calculations made at the State University are the official figures.

HEAR TO \$500,000.

Good News From Austria Received by a Waiter in Sacramento.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 20.—Matew Grogovich, who, until yesterday, earned a living as a waiter in the restaurant of this city, has received news from Austria that the son of Givse S. Grogovich, a wealthy man of Pasto, Austria, and who, during the war with Turkey, was comptroller for the Prince of Montenegro. The secret of Matew's family connections comes to light through the receipt of a letter by him from relatives in Pasto, announcing his father's death at that place in the latter part of January, together with the news that he has fallen heir to an estate worth nearly half a million dollars.

KNOCKED OUT THE BEAR.

Mrs. McKen, Aged 88 Years, Subdues Bruin With a Club.

Special to The Post-Dispatch.

PARK, Mo., Feb. 20.—Mrs. Nancy McKen has the honor of having captured the largest bear ever taken in this region. The bear was chasing her sheep this morning when she went for him with a club and after a hard fought battle succeeded in laying him out. Mrs. McKen is 88 years old.

MR. CARLISLE TO TESTIFY.

Goes to Trenton, N. J., as a Witness Against Counterfeiters.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Secretary of the Treasury Carlisle left Washington this morning for Trenton, N. J., where he will testify at the trial of the Brooklyn gang of counterfeiters.

It is expected that his testimony will be necessary to prove that the gang had no authority to use or make distinctive Government paper for notes.

SUEZ CANAL BLOCKADED.

Stranded Vessel Holds Twenty-Six Others in Check.

PORT SAID, Feb. 20.—The German steamer Kantzler, from Hamburg for Delagoa Bay, remains aground at Ismailia. Twenty-six steamers are already awaiting her release in order that they may be able to proceed through the Suez Canal.

ST. LOUIS CHILD'S ESCAPE.

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The Wind Howls and at Some Points Snow Falls.

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ONE HUNDRED PEOPLE BLOWN TO FRAGMENTS.

Eight Cars of Dynamite Explode With Horrible Results at Johannesburg.

Three Hundred Persons Injured and Many Houses Destroyed.

The Ground for Miles Around Convulsed as if by an Earthquake.

JOHANNESBURG, South African Republic, Feb. 20.—Details are reaching this city to-day of what is probably the most disastrous dynamite explosion on record in any part of the world. Thousands of people have been rendered homeless by the terrible calamity, about 100 persons are believed to have been killed, some two or three hundred men, women and children have been severely wounded and many others have been more or less injured.

All the hospitals are filled with sufferers from the explosion and many private houses have been turned into refuges for the wounded and homeless.

Most of the houses in Johannesburg are built of corrugated iron, as is usual in South African suburbs, and of this material, anywhere near the spot where the explosion took place, hardly a vestige remains.

A popular subscription has been opened for the relief of the wounded and homeless. Already over \$200,000 has been raised and this amount will reach \$500,000 before night.

In addition, steps have already been taken to clear away the debris from the ground, a portion of the money subscribed will be invested in building materials and the work of reconstructing Johannesburg will be commenced as soon as the remains of the dead are interred, which will probably be to-morrow, and the occasion will be marked by a turn-out of almost the whole population of Johannesburg.

The Boers and the Uitlanders are working harmoniously in the succoring of wounded and homeless. The disaster seems to have done a great deal towards healing the soreness which remained from the Jamison raid, and may do much to cement a new and better feeling between the foreign population and their Boer rulers.

President Kruger has telegraphed his sympathy with the people of Johannesburg in this emergency and he is being kept posted on all the details of the great calamity.

CAPT. CHAS. KING'S RETURN.

The Distinguished Novelist Has Been Visiting Switzerland.

Special to The Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Capt. Charles King, the writer, artist and on the way to-day from a two months' visit to his family at Lausanne, Switzerland. He is in excellent health and spirits, in spite of a voyage, which, he said, was the roughest

he had ever experienced, with one exception. He expected to leave for his home in Wisconsin, to-morrow.

Capt. King's latest story, "An Army Wife," was completed before his departure from Switzerland, and its opening installment will appear in the Sunday Post-Dispatch of Sunday, March 1. Capt. King is said to regard this story as one of his best.

Favored by Royalty.

Queen Victoria, the Prince of Wales, the German Emperor, and other monarchs, all special distinctions of attention, have appointed G. H. Mann & Co. publishers of his works.

of Mann's efforts to bring to the United States, where always the best is wanted, appropriate cases in the best and most artistic manner.

The latest extent of the disaster will never be known. According to the estimates, however, about 100 persons have been killed.

Probably the best idea of the force of the explosion can be gathered from the fact that the iron axles of the trucks upon which the dynamite was loaded have been driven twenty feet into the hard ground.

How the explosion occurred is not known, but a belief prevails that a Kaffir found his way to the shunted trucks and that in trying to break open one of the cases of the explosives, being in ignorance of what it contained, he brought about the disaster which has caused so great a loss of life and which has rendered so many people homeless and penniless.

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HORRIBLE WORK AT FITZGERALD'S EXECUTION

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Towards 9 o'clock Fitzgerald's friends began calling on him. They came in bunches of three or four and their presence and conversations occupying not more than five minutes each.

Shortly after 9 o'clock Patrick McFadden, a relative of Fitzgerald, who had been in the hospital since the execution, came to the prison. He had been in the hospital since the execution, and he had been in the hospital since the execution.

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DOCTORS' OPINIONS.

They Say Fitzgerald Must Have Suffered Excruciating Agony.

The suffering of Fitzgerald after the breaking of the rope was something terrible. Although he said little, the convulsive action of the muscles and his prayer for death spoke plainly enough. A number of physicians were interviewed on the subject with the appended result:

Dr. G. W. Browne: During one second a man could suffer a hundred deaths. The pain is indescribable. Only a doctor can realize it. The straining of the numerous nerves and laceration of muscles causes intense pain. I was not present, but the evidence stretching from the spinal column, which occurred, added to Fitzgerald's suffering. The fact that he talked very little, and when he did with apparent pain, shows the seriousness of his injuries. His neck was not broken, and if given proper attention he would have recovered.

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DEAD WEIGHT.

The Old Man of the Sea a Fact, Not a Fiction.

How He Has Fastened Himself Upon Thousands of People.

The Only Way to Successfully Get Rid of Him.

The well-known story in the Arabian Nights of the Old Man of the Sea who fastened himself on Sinbad and was constantly with him, is one of the few fairy fictions that can be applied to every day life. What resembles this terrible Old Man more than these most painful of all maladies, rheumatism and neuralgia.

There is listlessness, depression of spirits, general debility, disturbed sleep, indigestion and more or less trouble with the bowels. Then come sudden twinges of pain in different parts of the body, and, finally, rheumatism or neuralgia of a severe form sets in. The real trouble is in the blood and nerves. Therefore, in order to rid yourself of this Old Man of the Sea who is making your life a burden, you must get your nerves and blood in good condition. How this can be done is shown by the following letter from Mr. C. L. Kelly of Bangor, Me.



MR. C. L. KELLY.

"Last year I was troubled with the rheumatism so badly that I was unable to walk, and suffered all the pain that I think it is possible for any one to be afflicted with and live.

"I thought I would give Dr. Greene's Nervura and nerve remedy a trial. I took two bottles only and was completely restored to my former vigor and enabled to attend to business with my usual activity. I can thank God with a sincere heart that I thoroughly believe in the virtues of Nervura, and advise all sufferers from the terrible rheumatism, to follow my example. Just think of it. My appetite was gone and after the sixth dose I could feel his cheering effects by becoming hungry, and finally when the rheumatism deserted me I could eat ravenously, and to-day I am a perfectly well man."

Can you afford to live in pain and misery when such a marvelous cure is close at hand? The spring is the easiest and best time to cure these complaints. This wonderful remedy was discovered by the eminent specialist, Dr. Greene, of 35 West 14th St., New York City, who can be consulted free of charge, either personally or by letter.

been pupils at the Des Peres School. She lived at 632 South Twelfth street and Fitzgerald at 624 Michigan avenue. The friendship formed at school became love, and Fitzgerald grew to be a constant visitor at the Naessens house. She was 18 and Fitzgerald 26 years old. Fitzgerald was a moldy, but for a short time before the tragedy was a conductor on the Southern Electric Railway.

The girl's parents objected to Fitzgerald's attentions. They thought him a ne'er-do-well. Annie Naessens felt that she had all her temperaments, strongly sensitive. She decided to free herself from restraint and married Fitzgerald. He was a sailor, and Annie Naessens slept at the house. Fitzgerald used to visit her there regularly. One day

Remnant Sale To-Morrow, Friday.

Only Two Days More of Muslin Underwear Sale.

Closing Out Peters' Bankrupt Rubber Stock.

Don't Miss Our Sale of Dent's Gloves

The Best in the World. At Half Price and Less Every Pair Guaranteed

Dent's
\$1.50 and \$1.75
Walking Gloves
at...
95c
Pair,
Or 6 Pairs for \$5.00

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\$2, \$2.25 and
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Handkerchiefs.

Our Great Sale of "Seconds."

Special Friday Bargains.

Three good styles in this lot. Children's Plain White All-India, Ladies' White Handkerchiefs and Children's with printed centers and Gent's Union Linen, with neat colored borders, all worth 10c and 15c each; On Friday at...
5c

Two good styles in this lot. Ladies' fine sheer quality Unlaundersed Scallop and Embroidered, and Gent's Hemstitched Embroidered, real fine cloth, both worth 25c and 30c each; On Friday at...
10c

Gent's Colored Border, Hemstitched All Pure Linen, excellent quality, with very few imperfections, small sizes only; On Friday at...
12c

Ladies' Fast Black Imported full regular made Cotton Hose, sizes 3 and 5 only; were 25c pair; On Friday at...
12c

Ladies' Natural Gray Wool Hose, slightly soiled and only a few left; were 25c pair; On Friday at...
12c

Men's Imported full regular made Balbriggan Half Hose, worth 25c in small sizes only; On Friday at...
10c

Men's Fine Imported Fast Black and Tan Colored Half Hose, worth 25c pair; broken sizes only; On Friday at...
12c

Ladies' Imported Black Cashmere Gloves, fine gauge and formerly sold at \$2.50 a pair; all go on Friday at...
15c

Children's Cloaks.
A Genuine Bargain.
Children's Fancy Elderdown Short Cloaks, were \$1.75 each; On Friday at...
50c

Boy's Clothing.
Boys' Long-Pant Suits.
(Sizes, 10 to 19 years.)
An assorted lot of Long Pant Suits, some double-breasted, some single-breasted, made of excellent quality of All-Wool Cheviots and Cassimeres, and in neat patterns. They have been ready sellers at \$4.00, \$5.00 and \$6.00, and the sizes are broken and you get them Friday at...
\$4.75

Men's and Boys' Underwear.
Friday Bargains.
Men's Heavy Wool Piece-Lined Shirts, were 50c; On Friday at...
35c

An odd lot of Men's Extra Fine All-Wool Shirts and Drawers, full regular made, heavy and medium weights; were \$2.50 and \$3.00; On Friday at...
75c

Men's Heavy-Weight Imported Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers, full-regular made; were \$2.50 and \$3.00; On Friday at...
50c

Men's Medium Weight White Wool Shirts and Drawers; were \$2.50; On Friday at...
47c

Men's Heavy Men's Full-Fashioned Shirts and Drawers; were \$1.50; On Friday at...
59c

Bed Comforts.
Cut Prices for Friday.
Lot of Oiled Cotton Comforts, large size, with White Cotton-Filling, heavy and good quality, regular price \$1.75; On Friday at...
\$1.15

Extra Large Satine Comforts, very heavy and warm, with best White Cotton-Filling, regular price \$2.25; On Friday at...
\$1.65

After frequent continuances Fitzgerald was finally brought to trial in the Criminal Court on Sept. 24, 1935. The State's most important testimony was that some time prior to the tragedy he had displayed his revolver in a saloon and had said that it would be heard from. When the defense began the presentation of its case Attorney Marshall McDonald called Chief of Detectives Desmond to testify as a statement made to him by Fitzgerald and then himself, and that the statement that a third person had fired the shot was untrue, and made to shield the girl.

Muslin Underwear Sale.

Only 2 Days More of These Prices.

This Gown at Regular Price 75c. This Gown at Regular Price 50c. This Gown at Regular Price 62c. This Gown at Regular Price 69c.

Only 2 Days More of These Prices.

This Skirt at Regular Price 75c. This Skirt at Regular Price 55c. This Skirt at Regular Price 65c.

Only 2 Days More of These Prices.

79 Cents. 15 Cents. 25 Cents. 39 Cents.

Ladies' and Children's Underwear.

Ladies' Gray Merino Drawers, were 30c; Friday price...
35c

Ladies' Heavy Flannel-Lined Jersey Ribbed Vests, were 30c; Friday price...
18c

Ladies' Fine Balbriggan Vests, Jersey Ribbed, were 30c; Friday price...
25c

Ladies' Heavy Flannel-Lined Balbriggan Union Suits, were 50c; Friday price...
29c

Ladies' Extra Fine Merino Union Suits, heavy weight; were \$1.15; Friday price...
59c

Children's Fine Merino Mixed Jersey Ribbed Vests; were 45c; Friday price...
14c

Children's Fine Merino Pajamas, full-fashioned; were 45c; Friday price...
13c

Men's and Boys' Flannel Shirts.

Men's Heavy Flannel Shirts, were 59c; On Friday at...
59c

Men's All-Wool Blue Flannel Shirts, The \$1.50 quality for...
59c

Men's Extra Fine Flannel Shirts, The \$1.50 quality for...
98c

Men's Sweaters.

Men's Sweaters; were 50c; On Friday at...
19c

Men's All-Wool Sweaters; were \$1.00; On Friday at...
49c

Men's Sweaters; were 50c; On Friday at...
15c



BEARING THE DYING WRETCH TO THE GALLOWES.

(Sketches by a Post-Dispatch Artist.)

STORY OF THE CRIME.

How Fitzgerald Was Convicted of Slaying Annie Naessens.

Annie Fitzgerald's crime was the murder of Annie Naessens, his sweetheart, shortly after midnight on Nov. 24, 1935.

Many still doubt that he was guilty of cold-blooded murder, and many believe that he was shot by the girl herself. One who had attempted to kill her, Fitzgerald and Annie Naessens had both

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overlooking the gallows. Shepard sat in his cell and through this window calmly watched the preparations to hang Fitzgerald. He saw the rope break when the first attempt was made to hang the condemned man and so eager was he to see all that transpired that he remained at the window till the drop fell the second time. He was pale and trembling when a Post-Dispatch reporter passed his cell shortly after the execution.

"Did I see the hanging?" repeated Shepard. "Well, if you want to know, I saw it whether I saw the man strung up or not. I saw it if I wanted to, and I did not miss it, too."

And this the convicted murderer turned on his heel and disappeared in a dark corner of his cell.

Shepard's features were ghastly. His lips trembled, and altogether he was in a state of the most abject fear. He labored under intense excitement.

Shepard is the next murderer who is to be hanged in this city.

WALLER PARDONED.

Secretary Olney Gets Word That the Ex-Consul Is Free.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19.—Secretary Olney this morning received the following telegram:

"PARIS, Feb. 19.—President Paulin has been pardoned."

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THE GAY SEASON.

Crowding of Brilliant Functions in the Pre-Lenten Days.

AD CLUBS WILL CONTINUE.

Leap Year Balls, Receptions, Concerts and Amateur Dramatics Marked the Closing Hours.

Several brilliant functions marked the closing days of the gay season of '96. The young ladies of the South Side, almost an even hundred of them, gave a leap year ball on Monday evening at the Union-Club House, which was a beautiful and lavish affair.

The concert given on Monday evening at Hotel Beers for the benefit of home missions, under the patronage of a number of the leading society people of the city, was a brilliant affair. The long suite of dining rooms and adjacent halls were crowded to the doors with a stream of St. Louis society. The home mission fund was greatly benefited thereby. It was a full dress audience, and the ladies taking part were in superb evening toilettes.

On Monday the Dancing Club had their regular party. On Tuesday an elegant reception was given by Mrs. J. A. McDowell and Mrs. George C. Woodward, Jr. The season may properly be said to have wound up with the entertainment of the Dramatic Club, which, with the Imperial Club, entertained the winter friends, on Tuesday evening the St. Nicholas ball room was superbly decorated with plants and flowers, and the temporary stage erected for the evening in fact, a pretty little comedy, "The Duel of Love," had been chosen for representation.

On Tuesday evening Mrs. L. Ford gave an informal in compliment to her niece, Miss Virginia Bowman.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Williams gave a double box party at the Grand Opera-house in compliment to the Kennedy-Gates wedding party and Mrs. Charles Tenney of New York.

The Elks Lodge had a delightful social session for the ladies on Monday evening at 8 o'clock at their parlors. There was a large attendance.

Mrs. Ashley D. Scott and her daughter, Miss Mary Scott, did not leave the city last week from the East as they had been planning, but remained over for another week in Washington, dining at the home given in her honor by Mr. and Mrs. Wendling.

Mrs. R. C. Moore, wife of the ex-consul to Mexico, who is now residing with her family at their home in St. Louis, Mo., will arrive the latter part of this week to visit her cousin, Mrs. Anna Harris O'Fallon, and the present picture in Iowa, which will be given by Mrs. O'Fallon on Feb. 21 to the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Miss Moss, who is visiting Mrs. R. C. Moore at her home in St. Louis, will accompany her to St. Louis, Mo., for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Moore are in Washington City this week. A handsome tea was given in their honor by Representative and Mrs. W. R. L. L. Moore, who is visiting Mrs. Hadley, assisted at the reception.

Mrs. Hadley has taken a home in Iowa Circle, and is entertaining a great deal this winter.

Gossip.
Mrs. Dr. Lightner and her sister, Miss Frances Elliott, who have been spending the past three weeks in New York City, have returned to St. Louis. They were accompanied home by Miss Elliott's fiancé, who has been spending the past few days in the city, and returned to New York on Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Chesbrough, who have been residing for two or three years at the West End Hotel, will about March 1st return to Cincinnati, O., where Mr. Chesbrough has been transferred.

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FRECKLES.

A correspondent ridicules the claim that Carlsbad Sprudel Salt is a remedy for freckles. He thinks the following advertisement "absurd."

"Freedom from freckles, and from all such disfigurements and blemishes, follows the use of the Carlsbad Sprudel Salt. It clears and freshens the skin wonderfully—takes away that dull and mottled look that comes from stomach derangements. Besides being a purgative and an eliminative, the Sprudel is a decided alternative or blood purifier. It is the prescribed remedy, even in chronic and stubborn cases of eczema and such disorders."

I take the occasion to say that there is much apprehension concerning freckles and their treatment. Women who have suffered year after year from these annoying blemishes are wont to consider them due to the rays of the sun. Nothing can be more illogical. Yet from time to time physicians have ventured the same explanation. One authority on dermatology has declared that freckles are due to too much iron in the blood, and that the sun brings the iron-stained spots to the surface much as they do to a bit of cloth which has come in contact with iron, and then is exposed to the sunlight. In other words, that freckles are iron rust, and that eradication may best be by a lotion.

Now the real fact is that the sun does not produce freckles, and that all the topical treatment is useless. This may be proved from the fact that they rarely, if ever, appear in children under the age of six, even though they run in exposure to the bronzing influence of the sun all day. Again, they do not appear in many girls who are out-of-doors most of the time, and do appear in others who work indoors and do not face the sun once a week.

It is not the sun or the air that causes them, but it is the disordered stomach, liver and kidneys. Wherever we find freckles we find such disorder. As the Carlsbad Sprudel Water or Salt restores these organs to health, so they remedy the freckles. Instead of being "absurd," no treatment could be more rational.

W. H. Morse, M.D.,
Oct. 4, 1895. Therapeutist.

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The annual meeting of the ladies of the...

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Worth up to \$1.50. Fire Sale price, 50c.

Safety Pins, 1c. Curling Irons, 1c. Spool Linen, 1c. Thread, 1c. All at 1c.

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WENT DAFT AT HOT SPRINGS.

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Missouri Pacific Insane.

Theosophy and unrequited love has driven G. C. Barnum, 70 years old, and father-in-law of General Manager Doddridge of the Missouri Pacific Railway, to insanity. Mr. Barnum was brought here by a special officer from Hot Springs Thursday morning, and is now in St. Vincent's Asylum.

The first intimation that Mr. Doddridge had of Mr. Barnum's affliction was when the latter called at his house, 2750 Westminister place, Sunday and announced that he was going to Hot Springs for an indefinite stay. His mind seemed clear at times, and again he would talk in a rambling, incoherent way as if he were mentally unbalanced.

He seemed greatly exercised over some new theories of theosophy and insisted that he had penetrated far into the mysteries of that doctrine, which he had been a profound student for a little more than a year.

When this subject became temporarily exhausted he spoke of a Mrs. A. P. McCrory of Hot Springs, for whom he professed a strange infatuation. He insisted that he was madly in love with Mrs. McCrory, in spite of his more than 70 years of age, and he seemed never to weary of praising her virtues. It was his intention to marry her, he said at his earliest opportunity, and when an effort was made to dissuade him from his intention, he grew angry and resented what he seemed to regard as unwarranted interference.

All that Mr. Doddridge knew of Mrs. McCrory was that she was a widow, much the junior of Mr. Barnum, and the owner of a fashionable boarding house at the Arkansas health resort.

For years she has been a prominent figure in theosophical circles and it was through this that Barnum first made her acquaintance about a twelvemonth ago. Their relations, it seems, became exceedingly friendly and Barnum went to Hot Springs several times to visit her.

Knowing all this and growing uneasy at the strange actions of the old man, Mr. Doddridge sent a special officer in the same car with him over the Iron Mountain to see that no harm was done and that he was in the habit of stopping.

He acted a little strangely, but there was nothing in his conduct to lead to the belief that his mind was badly deranged. It was believed in fact that the signs of derangement were due chiefly to advancing age.

Tuesday night the collapse came without warning. The officer who was watching him had relaxed his vigilance a little and had retired to his room. The next morning he had also gone to her room and Barnum was supposed to be sleeping soundly in his own room.

Shortly after midnight the occupants of the house were awakened from their slumber by a sound of crashing furniture.

They were followed by shrieks and cries of "murder" and "murder" and the sound of crashing furniture.

Two gentlemen who roomed in the house discovered that the cries came from Mrs. McCrory's room, and hastening to force the door they found her lying on the floor, a war dance in his night shirt. Seizing a chair he smashed it over the dresser and then let out a yell like that of a Plute warrior.

Mrs. McCrory, an dishabille, fled screaming from the room.

The two men tried to grapple with Barnum, who was raging like a madman, but he turned on them and drove them into the hallway.

In the meantime the police had caught the alarm and hastening to the house succeeded after a desperate struggle in overpowering Barnum, who fought like a lion at bay.

At times he would rave incoherently and then he would utter his love for Mrs. McCrory, who was hiding in a room at the farther end of the hall. He was determined to marry her and then he would approach the officers for interfering with him.

It was found later on that Barnum had risen from his bed and before going to Mrs. McCrory's room had wrecked every stick of furniture in his room.

Then he had burst in the door of the widow's room, where she was slumbering in peace, and demanded that she marry him at once, and demanded that she marry him at once.

When she screamed he began to smash the furniture.

At the city jail Barnum was strapped so that he could not use his hands, and he raved wildly through the night. One of his hallucinations was that he was to be the next President of the United States, and after raving about this for a time, he would call for Mrs. McCrory and avow his love for her over and over again.

Wednesday Barnum was brought to St. Louis, in charge of a special officer, and at once to St. Vincent's.

It is believed that he is hopelessly insane.

When seen Thursday Mr. Doddridge said: "I think that the primary cause of Mr. Barnum's insanity is theosophy. He began investigating theosophy that line about a year ago and since that time he has been very little else. It was through his interest in theosophy that he met Mrs. McCrory about a year ago. He spoke of her quite often, but not until last Sunday did he ever intimate to me that he was in love with her. He told us then that he had asked her to marry him and that she had at first declined, but had finally agreed to do so with our consent."

"It was for this reason that I sent a special officer to the Springs to keep an eye on him."

Mr. Barnum's home was at Columbus.

No Drugs to CHEW
No Stems to SMOKE

PIRETS
AND
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No Nerves Quaking
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We will receive 500 Brushes and Combs Daily

for the Next 10 days. See us.

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FRATERNITY HOUSE FIRE.

Students Travel Through Snow in

Their Night Robes.

BELLEFOUNTE, Pa., Feb. 20.—Fire broke

out in the Beta Theta Pi fraternity house at

State College at 2 o'clock this morning, and

before help could arrive the handsome build-

ing was entirely destroyed.

The students saved nothing and were

compelled to travel through snow to a hotel

in their night clothes. It is supposed the

fire originated from an open grate.

The loss on the building is \$2,000, partially

insured. The students will lose about

\$2,000.

CHILDREN'S HOME BURNED.

Forty-three inmates Escaped Unin-

jured From the Building.

DELAWARE, O., Feb. 20.—The Delaware

County Children's Home burned at mid-

night. Forty-three children were inmates

of the building, but no one is seriously

hurt. The children had to be driven a long

distance to the opera-house, where they

were kept during the night. The loss on the

building was about \$25,000, with \$10,000 in

insurance.

Through Service

From St. Louis to Baltimore and Wash-

ington via the V. P. Vandalia-Pennsylvania.

Eberhardt Arrives.

A. G. Eberhardt, who has been engaged to

superintend the St. Louis bench show, ar-

rived in the city from Cincinnati this morn-

ing. He will commence making active ar-

rangements for the big show immediately.

A RELIC OF THE PAST.

Surgical Operations for the Cure of

Piles and Rectal Diseases

NO LONGER NECESSARY

A Medical Discovery Which Will Change

The Treatment of All Such Diseases.

It has long been thought not only by some

physicians but by people in general that the

common, painful and exceedingly annoying

trouble, piles, was practically incurable by

any other means than a surgical operation,

and this belief has been the cause of years

of needless suffering, because of the natural

dread of surgical operations.

There are many salves, ointments and

similar remedies on the market which afford

some relief in cases of piles, but the Pyra-

mid Pile Cure is the only preparation so far

introduced that can be reliably depended

upon to cure to stay cured, every form of

itching, bleeding or protruding piles.

Mrs. M. C. Hinkley of 601 Mississippi st.,

Indianapolis, was told by her physicians that

nothing but a surgical operation costing be-

tween seven and eight hundred dollars could

cure her, as she had suffered for 15 years;

yet even in such a case as hers the Pyramid

Pile Cure accomplished a complete cure.

She says: "I knew an operation would be

death to me and tried the Pyramid with very

little hope, and it is not to be wondered at

that I am so enthusiastic in its praise."

Maj. Dean of Columbus, Ohio, says he

suffered for 40 years from piles and 20 years

from itching piles, and in his case two pack-

ages of the Pyramid cured him.

Mrs. D. E. Reed of South Lyons, Mich.,

says: "I would not take \$500 and be placed

back where I was before I used the Pyramid

Pile Cure. I suffered for years and it is now

eighteen months since I used it and not the

slightest trace of the trouble has returned.

The Pyramid Pile Cure is sold by nearly

all druggists at 50 cents and \$1 per package

and as it contains no opium, cocaine or other

poisonous drug can be used with perfect

safety.

No one need suffer from piles in any form

who will give this excellent remedy a trial.

Made by the Pyramid Co., Albion, Mich.

Any druggist can get it for you.

MANY, MANY MEN

Have Taken Advantage of This

Offer

Your absolute choice of any

SUIT, OVERCOAT

or ULSTER

in the entire house

The kind formerly sold by us at \$20, \$25.00,

\$30, \$35 and \$40; all fabrics and

all sizes; others to select from for less

money.

The \$5.00 and \$6.00 kind

dumped to \$2.95

The \$7.50 and \$8.00 kind

dumped to \$4.36

The \$9, \$10 and \$12 kind

dumped to \$6.12

The \$14.00 and \$16.00 kind

dumped to \$7.87

The \$17.00 and \$18 kind

dumped to \$9.68

These garments are made well, look

well and wear well; really worth double

what we ask for them.

YOUNG MEN'S SUITS,

OVERCOATS and STORM COATS

Ages 14 to 19 Years.

Breast Measure, 31 to 36.

We offer you absolute choice of the very

finest in the house, such as were for-

merly sold by us at \$15, \$16, \$17, \$18,

\$20 and \$22 \$10.50

Others to select from at \$2.50, \$4.15, \$5.50

and \$7.25, worth up to \$15.

IN BOYS' TWO-PIECE SUITS,

CAPE OVERCOATS AND

STORM COATS.

Ages 4 to 15.

We offer you absolute choice of the finest

in the house, were \$7, \$8, \$9, \$10, \$11

and \$10, dumped to \$4.48

Others to select from at \$1.25, \$1.46, \$1.85,

\$2.47 and \$2.85, worth from \$2 to \$5.

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40c Men's Natural

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Drawers, worth

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100 dozen Men's

Highly Embroid'd

Robes, each worth

75c, dumped to 39c

Men's All-Wool

Flannel Shirts,

each worth \$1.50,

dumped to \$1.50

Men's Full Seem-

less Hose, tan,

black and blue,

each worth \$1.00,

dumped to 70c

Men's Suspenders

each worth 9c,

dumped to 9c

Men's 10c, 20c and

25c All-wool

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